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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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Attorney Docket No. MSI 100

First Inventor or Application Identifier Frank B. Dean

Title METHOD FOR REDUCING ARTIFACTS IN NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION

Express Mail Label No. EL 320 550 963 US

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. * Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)
2. Specification [Total Pages 36]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
 - Descriptive title of the Invention
 - Cross References to Related Applications
 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
 - Reference to Microfiche Appendix
 - Background of the Invention
 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
 - Detailed Description
 - Claim(s)
 - Abstract of the Disclosure
3. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 7]
4. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]
 - a. Unexecuted
 - b. Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 16 completed)
 - i. DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

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5. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
6. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission
(if applicable, all necessary)
 - a. Computer Readable Copy
 - b. Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)
 - c. Statement verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

7. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))
8. 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement Power of
(when there is an assignee) Attorney
9. English Translation Document (if applicable)
10. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS
Citations
11. Preliminary Amendment
12. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)
13. * Small Entity Statement(s) Statement filed in prior application,
(PTO/SB/09-12) Status still proper and desired
14. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)
15. Other:

16. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment:

Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No: _____

Group / Art Unit: _____

Prior application information: Examiner _____
For CONTINUATION or DIVISIONAL APPS only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation can only be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

17. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

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Application Number	Not Yet Assigned
Filing Date	February 25, 2000
First Named Inventor	Frank B. Dean
Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Group / Art Unit	Not Yet Assigned
Attorney Docket No.	MSI 100

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)

1. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any over payments to:

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Deposit Account Name Arnall Golden & Gregory, LLP

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2. Payment Enclosed:

Check Money Order Other

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
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Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101 690	201 345	Utility filing fee	690.00
106 310	206 155	Design filing fee	
107 480	207 240	Plant filing fee	
108 690	208 345	Reissue filing fee	
114 150	214 75	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$690.00)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims 76 -20 = 56	x 18.00	= 1.008
Independent Claims 5 -3 = 2	x 78.00	= 156
Multiple Dependent		= 0.00

Large Entity Small Entity

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103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 78	202 39	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 260	204 130	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 78	209 39	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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105 130	205 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127 50	227 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139 130	139 130	Non-English specification	
147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for reexamination	
112 920*	112 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113 1,840*	113 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115 110	215 55	Extension for reply within first month	
116 380	216 190	Extension for reply within second month	
117 870	217 435	Extension for reply within third month	
118 1,360	218 680	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,850	228 925	Extension for reply within fifth month	
119 300	219 150	Notice of Appeal	
120 300	220 150	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121 260	221 130	Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141 1,210	241 605	Petition to revive - unintentional	
142 1,210	242 605	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143 430	243 215	Design issue fee	
144 580	244 290	Plant issue fee	
122 130	122 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
123 50	123 50	Petitions related to provisional applications	
126 240	126 240	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581 40	581 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146 690	246 345	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
149 690	249 345	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Frank B. Dean and Fawad Faruqi

Serial No: Not Yet Assigned Express Mail Label No.
EL 320 550 963 US

Filed: February 25, 2000 Date of Deposit
February 25, 2000

For: *METHOD FOR REDUCING ARTIFACTS IN NUCLEIC
ACID AMPLIFICATION*

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

EXPRESS MAIL TRANSMITTAL LETTER
FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

Sir:

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 21(a) as amended by Public Law 97-247 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.10, Frank B. Dean and Fawad Faruqi enclose for filing the attached patent application which is entitled "Method for Reducing Artifacts in Nucleic Acid Amplification". The application includes 1 page of Abstract, 25 pages of Specification, 10 pages of Claims, 7 sheets of Drawings, and an Unexecuted Declaration. A Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status will be submitted shortly. A check in the amount of \$927.00 to cover one half of the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our Deposit Order Account No. 01-2507 in the amount of \$927.00, which represents the difference between the filing fee for a large entity and a small entity.

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This application is being filed on February 25, 2000 by mailing the application to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231 via the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Service under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10. The Express Mail Label No. EL 320 550 963 US appears in the heading of this paper which is attached to the application papers pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.10(b).

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Order Account No. 01-2507. To facilitate this process, applicant has enclosed a duplicate of this letter.

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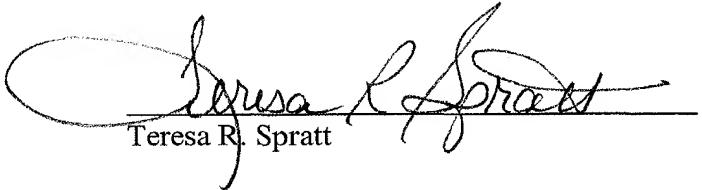
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